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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2009  
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued September 24, 2009 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the September 24, 2009 Office Action was due December 24, 2009. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time from December 24, 2009 to March 24, 2010. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is \$555.00 for a small entity. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the \$555.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. Accordingly, a response to the September 24, 2009 Office Action is now due March 24, 2010 and this response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** section which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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